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NEWS UP FRONT

KEEP THOSE TUBS FILLED

The Club Dallas Second Anniversary Celebration kicks off this week with seven days of super specials. Complete details are given in the Club Dallas ad and outlined in Calendar Texas. One of the main events in the celebration will be the "Superstars of "Drag" show Thursday, September 16, at 9:30 pm. This spectacular event will be held in the tub's huge locker area and star such great entertainers as Mr. Michael Andrews (Miss Gay America), Alain Allison (Miss Gay Dallas), Ernestine (Miss "Come Sit In My Face"), the fabulous Jennifer George, the black, beautiful Sahdji, and Cindy Birdsong (Elegance in Motion). Besides the sensational cast, part of the uniqueness of the show, says manager Larry Woelich, is that the performers will be completely uncensored and unrestricted in their comments and actions. (Quite a switch from most other drag shows, huh?)

THE "OFFICIAL" END

The Bayou Landing of Dallas is now, once and for all times, officially closed. Past owners and managers wish to express thanks to all patrons who made this huge disco bar such a success during it's long lifetime. (Word has it that a totally new concept in disco "sound and lights" may be springing up in Big D at some future date.

SPARKLE PLENTY

Terry Hulse, owner of the soon to open new disco in Houston, **SPARKLE PLENTY**, is ready to start hiring his staff. Terry needs waiters, bartenders, doorman, cashier, disc jockey, and more. Experience helps. Call Terry at 524-0170 and set up an appointment. Terry says the bar, located next to the Alabama Theatre on Shepherd in Houston will open later this month.

3RD ANNIVERSARY

One of Houston's more popular clubs for both girls and boys, "**Just" Marion and Lynn's**, will be celebrating its third anniversary this coming Tuesday night, September 14! It promises to be a "gayla" event complete with free champagne (the corks will pop at 11 pm) and a free buffet fit for a queen! Marion is known to her many friends as the clown (see front page photo) always ready to have and show her customers a good time. Congrat's gals on a great club and may your next year be as great as your past three. Happy Anniversary. TWIT's Cruise Camera will be there to capture the festivities. So be sure to drop on in and clown around.

LOVERS KISS

Jerry and Jim will be celebrating their second anniversary as lovers this coming Wednesday, September 15, and since their friends all go to the **Venture-Inn**, Bill and Jim, owners of the popu-

GALVESTON SHONDA

Shonda! Shonda! It's drag show time again this weekend in Galveston at **Robert's LaFittes**. E. D. Lloyd, Tanya Turner, Robert and special guests headline the show bill at 10 pm Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. Summer fun isn't over, yet, in the island city!

NEW FROM WACO

On Sunday, August 22nd, **The Other End** presented its first annual Mr. T.O.E. contest, with six

contestants modeling semi-formals, sportswear, casual dress, and swimming suits. Prizes were awarded to three of the six contestants: Scott Ray (1st place), George Fisher (2nd place), and Aubrey Howell (3rd place). TWIT would like to congratulate **The Other End** on a fine contest and an unusually entertaining evening.

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Tuesday night, September 14, at the **Old Plantation** in Dallas! Reports from the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex indicate a flood of entrants (big and beautiful bombshells in drag) and an avalanche of reservations for ringside tables. The curtain goes up at 9:30 pm (get there early) on this contest to end all contests. Prize money totaling \$250.00 plus trophies top off the evening!

LOUIS GARCIA

Paul Stewart of **Dirty Sally's Second Sun** in Houston has informed TWIT that Louis Garcia has returned to the Second Sun as manager. Paul remains as public relations director. So things are really hot at this popular Westheimer disco spot! Louis Garcia is a Leo as is owner, Glen Andre! So with two Lions in the Second Sun den, things are really

"hot". And Paul Stewart is maybe the lion tamer?

AMATEUR NITE FINALS

Two records, two dresses, a hairdresser, and a host of friends to cheer you on. That's what it takes to come out on top as an amateur drag star this coming Tuesday night, September 14, at the **Old Plantation** in Houston! For several weeks, Tuesday nights at the OP have been taken up with preliminary judging of entrants and now the field of amateurs has been narrowed down to the finalists. The Cruise Camera will be there to show the world the winners as the OP is awarding \$100.00 to the winner and \$50.00 to first runner up.

ZODIAC PARTY

The **Colt 45 Club** of Houston is sponsoring a **VIRGO** Birthday Party Saturday, September 11, at

Levi's. It all starts at 10 pm and "it all" includes some very lethal punch served up by manager Bob Jones. Bring your ID to prove you're a neat, tidy, antiseptic and orderly Virgo!

ALAMO COUNTRY

Habitat Happenings? Well, there's a Benefit White Auction for Mary Ellen, popular bar figure in San Antonio, on Thursday, September 16, at 8 pm. Interested participants should bring all saleable items to the bar before 7 pm on that date. It's for a real good cause.

Meanwhile, shows at the Sagitarrius have been getting better and better. Be sure and watch for the "Showdown of the Biggies" on the last Sunday night in October starring Johnny T of the Sagitarrius and Lance Stanfield of the Habitat. It promises to be one of the better shows of the year.

The El Jardin has no special attraction this week except plain good down right friendliness and very popular bartenders (Sam, Fifi, and Rudi). Some of the other bars should take a tip and try to match this happy group!

And while we're on the subject of friendliness . . . what owner of a popular downtown bar got arrested for throwing dishes through a window of a not so popular eating establishment? Mmmmmm?

STEAK NIGHT

Bob Jones of Levi's in Houston reports that the bar will start having steak night out on the patio beginning Wednesday, September 15th. Mary's will no longer have the event as it has been moved to Levi's. It will start at 8 pm and Levi's will furnish the potatoes, salad, and bread. All you have to bring is your own meat!

HOMOSEXUAL EXPERIENCE

A class of comprehensive discussions on dynamics and homosexual behavior will be a part of the Sundry School program at University of Houston, University Center beginning Monday, September 7 at 7:30 pm. Ray Hill and Katy Feller will conduct the eight weekly sessions which will span the fall semester.

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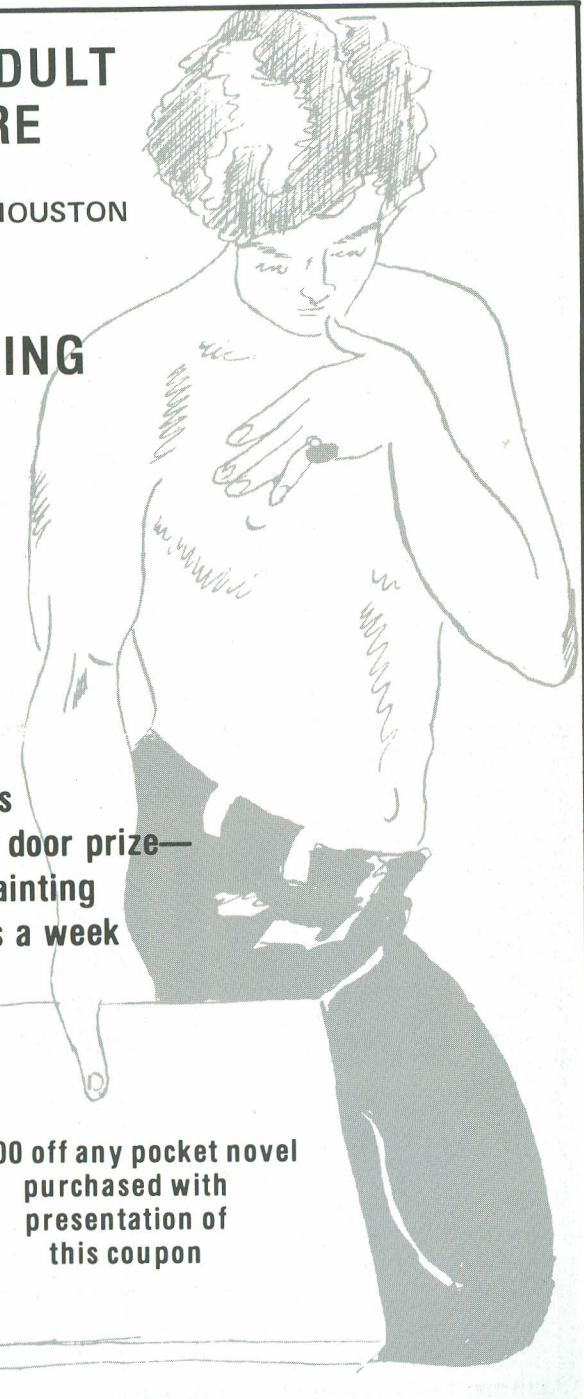
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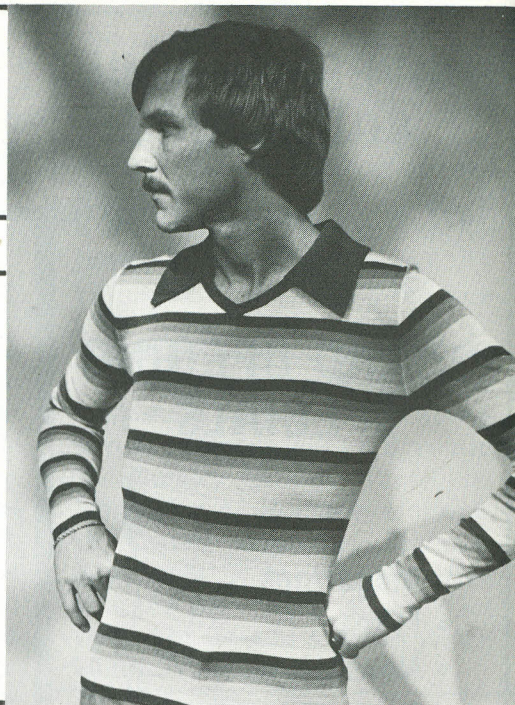
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FOR ALL SIGNS: This weekend begins with the moon in Taurus, the sign of money, placing the emphasis on financial matters. Last Wednesday's full moon occurred in Pisces and is past. This should cause a settling of emotions.

VIRGO (August 24-September 23): September got off to a confusing start, but your life should settle into a more enjoyable routine. You are ready to have fun, enjoy sex, and spend more than you should.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): For awhile September seemed to be very confused on love matters. Perhaps too many were after your heart. Now comes the time to sort out which one is true and which one is fickle. Mercury will help you make the right impression on the right one.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Mercury turning retrograde will cause mixups in letters, phone calls, and transportation. You'd now be best to concentrate your efforts on adventure and entertainment close to home. Be thrifty this week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22): Pluto and Mars will combine this week to unlock some hidden fact about a boy friend. But, more than just one boy friend is after your love now as people find you very likeable.

CAPRICORN (December 23-January 20): Illusive Neptune may plunge you into a sudden journey which you hadn't planned with the result being you'll further your career. Capricorn may be dating a Pisces—a good match.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Since you were too scattered to have time to read last week's star-scope, recheck its message. And this week could find your curiosity delving into another new interest. Mars and Saturn in a nice aspect will give you more zest for living.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): You have the urge to travel, to get away, to have a secret affair. But, Saturn is causing you to worry again about things that probably won't happen. Blame your ruling planet, Neptune (rules imagination).

AIRES (March 21-April 20): If you've been trying to seal a partnership, this week is a good time to nail that down. But a surprise (Mars) is hidden in this love affair. You may have once again leaped before you looked. But, Aires recovers quickly.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): You've had it rough lately but the moon in your sign should make you feel and look your best in months. As September rolls on your life continues to fall back to normalcy.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Always clever Gemini is this week exceptionally witty, clever, cunning, loving, two-sided, secretive, mysterious, unorthodox, inappropriate, and animal. But, everyone still wants to sleep with you and you're in the mood to handle it this week.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): This week you're involved in home life activities and Cancer loves his home. It's a neat retreat. But, there is a pull between work and pleasure and you have to keep a balanced outlook or you'll get moody again.

LEO (July 24-August 23): The talkative lion is having great trouble getting his point across to others. That special someone seems to care less about you and your ideas. Blame Mercury, not him. It's the planet that's going backwards (retrograde). Remember that Leo doesn't give up easily.



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CHILDREN'S BENEFIT

Dallas' Encore proved again how strong gays will turn out for a worthy cause and indeed it was a great evening for all for the benefit to the straight scene. It was a Bartender's Drag Show for the Thelma Baston Foundation for underprivileged children. All the Dallas bars participated and there were some funny sights seeing our favorite bartend-

ers in drag. Talented, funny, and generous! It was a rewarding evening for everyone. After seeing our guys in drag we all agreed that the hookers on Cedar Springs are really safe from competition. Hunky they were, funny they were; but beauties they weren't. But, with talent, fun and a worthy cause, what more could you want



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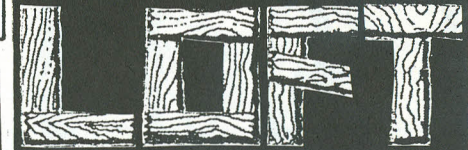
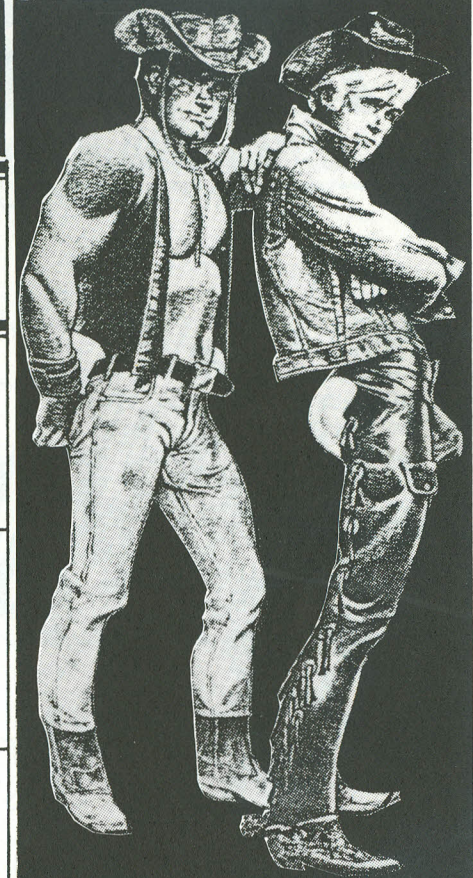
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It was more than just plain cold. It was "Shit! Is it cold in here!" cold. One of those cold spells that occurs because Vera had gotten delightfully stoned and successfully managed to smash both tits against all four walls of the disco in a ritual dance frenzy that had begun when the bar opened its doors and continued until the janitors told him to pick up his pom pons and cheer his ass home! After a night like that, one tends to overlook the air conditioning thermostat before retiring. So "Shit!-Is it cold in here!" On the outside it was Sunday noon, at 94 degrees. But inside that portion of the funeral parlor Vera slept in, it was "Hello, Jack Frost." Ice was forming. Vera had crawled between the mattress and the box springs, in an effort to keep warm. Proving once again that a person will do anything rather than get out from under the covers to turn down the damn air conditioner.

Unfortunately, the clock-radio had somehow managed to survive the cold spell and erupted with a victorious blast of Reverend Ike from the radio portion of the device, while the clock portion had noon written all over its face. Like it or not, even Vera acknowledged that the pilgrimage from the bed to the thermostat would have to be made. Moving slowly, hoping to catch the cold off guard, Vera slid into the closet near the bed, grasping frantically for the Muton coat. Once shaped into a charmin' bundle of fake fur, the soft heap skirted through the room, down the hall, and to the thermostat. Quickly, a hand shot speedily from the inside of the Muton mountain and turned off the blizzard. Dizzy from the thrill of victory, the coat then whizzed into the

bath room for physical examination and beauty assessment.

Vera removed the coat, preparing for the first message from the mirror. The news was not good. In fact, it was your basic "Cue the scream" time. Pitiful. Just pitiful. On an average day, there were lots of things in the world uglier than Vera. But on this day, there were probably just two or three. In the whole world! Counting Donnie and Marie as one.

A complete wreck. The only thing his eyes had in common was their placement of approximately equal distance from his nose. The pinkness of the left eye indicated that Vera had consumed too heavily at the well of

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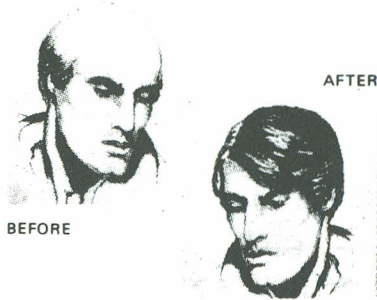


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alcoholic good spirits. His right eye had passed pink, and pranced right on to scarlet red. Its deep redness could be traced to a picture taking session near the dance floor early in the evening. A tourist from Pecos, Texas, had never seen the likes of a major gay disco before. Or a major gay. And was determined to spend the whole night capturing the historic event on Kodak celluloid. When you're from Pecos, you have to do something.

Anyway, Phoebe was swirling Vera around the floor at a clip especially ambitious for an aging person. And Vera was loving it. Swirl to the right. Swirl to the left. Dip. Dip. Dip. Heaven! Both of the Anns, Miller & Margaret, were being put to shame by our hero. And in denim and boots, no less. Only the presence of the "World's Largest Boa" in Vera's clutched hand gave evidence to his somewhat festive personality. From the tits down, he was solid, determined macho. But through the skillful use of learned movement, Vera's arms provided a flurry of activity that rivaled the light show for attention. Stretching the entire length of the dance floor, and about 7 feet off the ground, the boa performed its flight of the bumblebee, with Vera at the controls. A maypole gone mad! Each and every dancer was personally enveloped, at one time or another, by the warmth and charm of The Boa or Miss V., while at the same time, the entire crowd marveled at the continuous layers of fur that swung above them overhead. A giant furry ceiling fan. Vera was a hit.

Relishing the attention, Vera then swept triumphantly to that section of the bar where the newcomer from Pecos was capturing memories for the home folk. Vera was going to give him the picture of his life. Something that would make the people of Pecos write angry letters about morality to Governor Briscoe. Well, Vera was just

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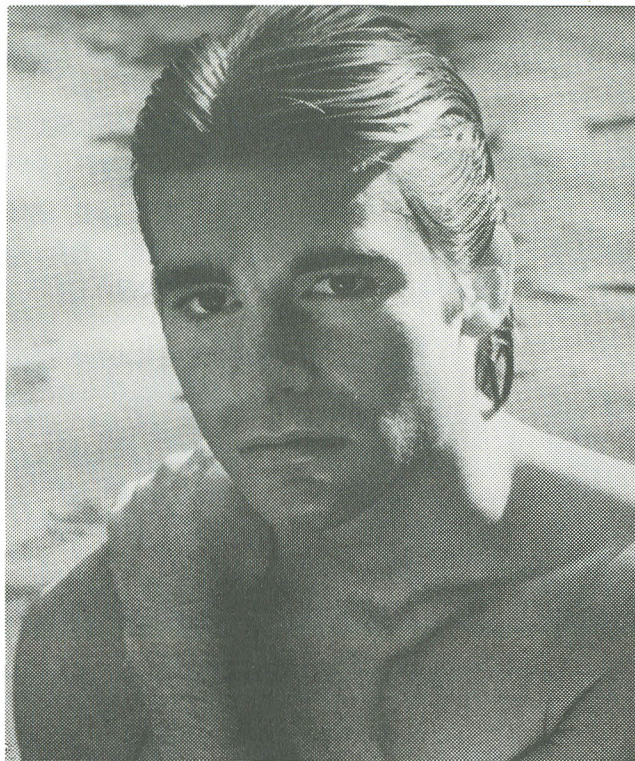
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10 feet from the lens of the visitor. Knowing he would soon be in the field of vision of the camera viewfinder, Vera turned his head ever so smartly, knowing that his right profile was better than his left. (Anything was better than his left profile. Even a shoe.) But just as he turned his head to the right, Bessie Mae Potter was throwing a handful of sparkle glitter on Miss Butler. Well! The entire handful accidentally hit Vera. It got in his right eye. The whole handful. He looked like a cyclops that had a giant glitter pimple next to his good eye. With the help of a Eureka salesman who happened to have a "demonstrator" in his car in the bar parking lot, most of the glitter was removed. But not so much that it kept Vera from having the "Eyes of Red Shit" on this Sunday morning.

It was going to take a while to 'whip into shape' this morning. The hair looked almost as bad as the eyes. All

of it was on the left side. All of it. Probably trying to escape the glitter. But requiring major surgery, nevertheless. But despite all this, there seemed to be a smile on Vera's mouth. Or on his teeth, anyway. The mouth was frowning. But inside the glass filled with water, the teeth seemed to be saying, "Hi. We're happy, happy, happy!" They couldn't have known what was just about to transpire.

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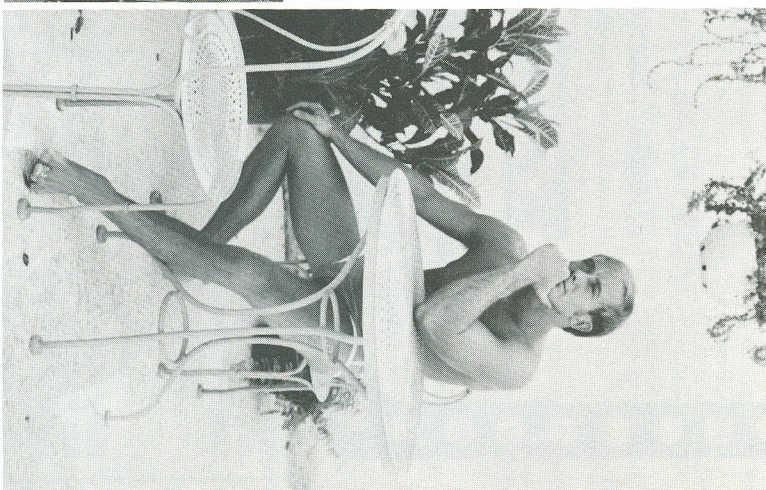
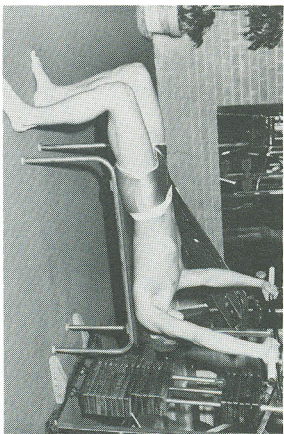
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Saturday, September 11

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Sunday, September 12

- Happy Hour All Day at Private Cellar. Beer 45c, Well Drinks 95c.
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Monday, September 13

- Happy Hour Mon.-Sat., 5:00-7:00 pm at the New Apartment.
- Happy Hour Mon.-Sat., 5:00-7:00 pm at the Private Cellar.
- Midnight Hour til 2 am Mon.-Fri., at the Private Cellar.

Wednesday, September 15

- Special Drink night at Austin Country. 8 pm 'til 2 am. Bar Drinks 25c, beer 10c, \$2.00 cover at door. Drawing, prizes.
- Free Keg Party at Private Cellar from 9 pm til ? No cover at door.

Friday, September 17

- After Hours, 2-4 am at Austin Country.

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Sunday, September 12

- Free Beer 8-10 pm followed by professional drag show at 10 pm at Bailey St.

Monday, September 13

- Amateur drag show 10 pm at Bailey St.

Wednesday, September 15

- 500 Follies present "Midweek Madness" at 9:30, 500 Club.
- Free Beer 8-10 pm followed by professional drag show at Bailey St. Warehouse.

Thursday, September 16

- Disco and record giveaway 8 pm-2 am at Bailey St. Warehouse.

Friday, September 17

- 25c draft beer 6:30 til 9:30 at Aub's
- Country Western night at the 500 Club. Special drink prices if you wear western hat.

GALVESTON

Saturday, September 11

- Weekend drag show at Robert's Lafitte's with E. D. Lloyd, etc.
- After hours 2 am 'til ? at the Kon Tiki

Sunday, September 12

- Special drink prices during afternoon happy hour at Mary's Too.
- Drag Show at Robert's Lafitte's.

DALLAS

Sunday, September 12

- Club Dallas Second Anniversary Celebration kicks off with a special cookout at 2 pm and the Mr. Virgo Contest at 5 pm.
- Old Plantation Drag Show with Jann Russell and the Pantomaniacs plus Alain Allison

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- Free Draft Beer at TJ's, 7-8 pm.
- Free Draft Beer at Sundance Kid from 7 pm til the keg runs dry.
- Steak-Out at Chuck's, 6-8 pm. Chuck's supplies the trimmings. All you have to bring is your meat.
- 10c Draft Beer at Villa Fontana 4-7 pm.
- All the well drinks & beer you can drink, \$3.00 cover, 3-7 pm, Terry's Mail Box. Pool Tournament every Sun. 5 pm.
- Beer bust and barbecue at the Tool Box, 6 pm and on while it lasts!
- The Entre Nuit presents the Cindy Birdsong Revue with guest star Sahdji, 9:30

Monday, September 13

- Pool Tournament at Service Station, 7:30
- Club Dallas Second Anniversary Celebration continues with Country Night and a Free Locker for wearing a Club D T-Shirt.

Tuesday, September 14

- Buddy Night at Club Dallas — two for the price of one, 6 pm til 2 am.

- Club Dallas Second Anniversary Celebration continues with Towel Night (2 discount coupons for the most original towel and free lockers for entering the towel contest).

- VD Clinic at Bachelors Quarters, 9-11 pm.

- \$1.00 day at Bachelor's Quarters

- 10c Draft Beer at the Encore at 10 pm.

Wednesday, September 15

- Free Draft and 50c can beer at Sundance Kid, 10 pm til midnight.

- 2 for 1 drinks, 5 pm til closing at Terry's Mail Box.

- Club Dallas Second Anniversary Celebration continues with Movie and Leather Night (free lockers for wearing leather).

- Discount card day at Club Dallas. Buy a discount card and get a free locker.

Thursday, September 16

- 10c Draft Beer at the Encore at 10 pm.
- 50c canned beer and 85c well drinks all night at the Entre Nuit.

- Club Dallas Second Anniversary Celebration continues with the spectacular "Superstars of Drag" show and free rooms for those buying discount cards.

- VD Clinic at Crews Inn, 9-11 pm.

Friday, September 17

- Disc Jockey taking requests at T.J.'s

- Club Dallas Second Anniversary Celebration continues with a special benefit night and carnival.

Saturday, September 18

- The Club Dallas Second Anniversary Celebration with a buffet at 7 pm and a drawing

for a free portable color TV at 10 pm.
HOUSTON

Saturday, September 11

- Babbs and Baldy performing at the Venture Inn 9 til 2. No cover.
- "Saturday's Child" rap session from noon til 2 pm at the MCCR.
- GAA Car Wash, 10am-5pm behind Sally's.
- Beer bust at Levi's, 3-6 pm. \$1.00
- Laverne & Company at the Exile, 9-1 pm.
- Virgo Party at Levi's, 11 pm.

Sunday, September 12

- Drag show at the Old Plantation with Ernestine, Jennifer George, Naomi Sims, Donna Day, and Carmelita.
- Beer bust, The Loft, 4-7 pm, \$1.00.
- Babbs and Baldy performing at Venture Inn, 7 pm til midnight. No cover.
- Beer bust at Levi's, 3-6 pm, \$1.00. 75c if wearing western hat.
- Jambalaya at The Barn, 1 pm.
- All lockers, \$2.00 each, 8 am-4 pm, at Club Houston.
- Drag show at the Lamp Post 9 pm. Shawna emcee. Strippers and comedy.
- The Kit Kat Review at The Exile, 7 pm, with Miss Champagne, Andrian St. John, Tracy, Veronica, Ronnie Sioux, and special guest Torchy Lane.

Tuesday, September 14

- Beer bust at Our Place, 11 am-7 pm. 25c

- Happy Hours at Sally's 7 am-Noon and 5-8 pm M-W-F, all day long Tuesday & Thurs
 - 3rd Anniversary at "Just" Marion & Lynn's. Free food and champagne at 11 pm.
 - Finals in the Amateur Talent Contest at the Old Plantation at 9:30 pm. Reservations
- Wednesday, September 15**

- Steak Night, 8 pm at Levi's.
- "Fun and Games" at Lamp Post 9:30 pm.
- "Wilde 'n Stein" KPFT radio FM after evening news, approximately 7:30 pm.
- Gay Political Caucus meeting at 7:30 pm at MCCR. Public invited.
- Super drag show with Ernestine, Jennifer George, Carmelita, Donna Day and Naomi Simms at the Old Plantation.
- Buddy Night at Club Houston - two for the price of one (lockers), 4 pm-midnight.

Friday, September 17

- Laverne and Company at the Exile, 9pm-1
- Babbs and Baldy performing at the Venture Inn, 9 til 2. No cover.

LUBBOCK

Friday, September 17

- Drag Show at David's Warehouse, 9:30 pm

SAN ANTONIO

Thursday, September 16

- Benefit White Auction for Mary-Ellen, 8 pm at the Habitat.

Friday, September 17

- Mexican Celebration Drag Show, 11:30pm at the Spanish Harlem. Trophies.



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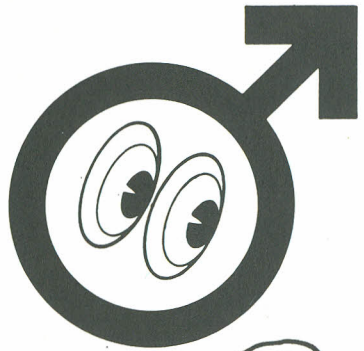
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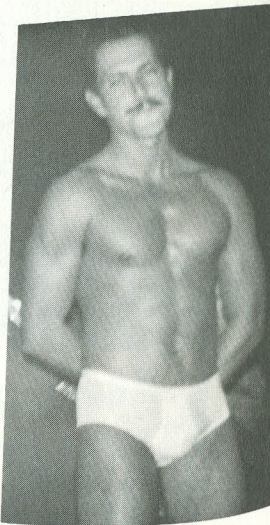
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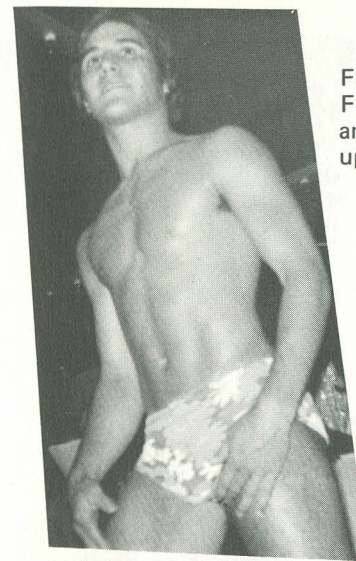


The New Mr. Gay America is Houstonian Eddie Abshire.

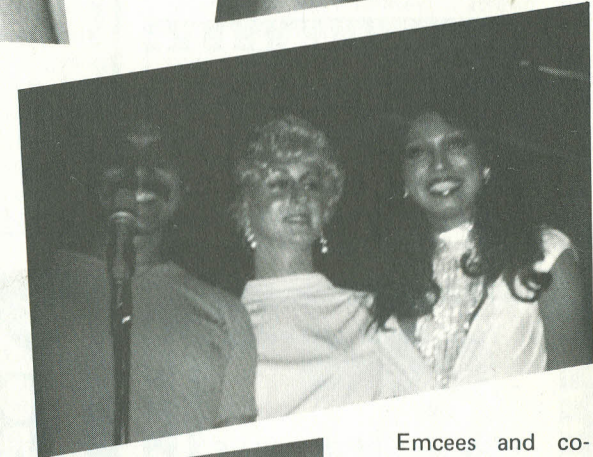
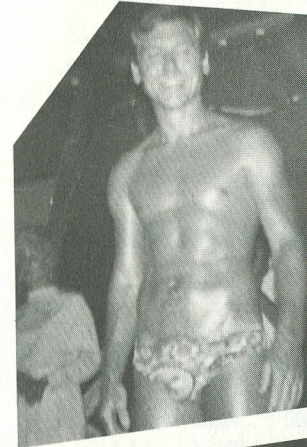
The most beautiful men in America must obviously live in Texas as most of the 10 top entrants in the Mr. Gay America Contest held last Sunday at the Depository were from the Lone Star State.



The five finalists were all Texans: Mike Rhodes, Robert Jones, Rick Ornales, Frank McPeters, & Eddie Abshire.



First runner up, Frank McPeters and 2nd runner up, Robert Jones.



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Box 22104: On Sunday, August 8th, 1976, THE OTHER END of Waco held a benefit drag show to aide the Galveston Gay Society. Performers making this show possible included Robert, Cassandra, Mack Truck, Por-scha, Maxine, Nancy, and Sussannah, who donated all tips to the worthwhile cause. Their help was greatly appreciated. It was a beautiful show. And many thanks go out to those of you in Waco and surrounding cities who came out and supported the cause. A total of \$137.00 was attained through donations, performers' tips, and cover charge at the door. Special guests in the audience were Bob Ellison, owner of the Kon-Tiki and president of the GGS and Mr. Wiley, owner of the Fruit Jar of Galveston, who were presented with the total amount collected, by John Amos, owner and operator of THE OTHER END following the show. Thanks for the coming, Bob and Wiley! Again, we feel this was for a worthwhile cause and we would like to thank our performers and all the people who gave us support in their political battle against local police and city government. **The Other End. Owner: John Amos.**

Editor: Congratulations! We're with you 100%!

**GAY LECTURE SERIES
 IN SAN ANTONIO**

Box 22104: I am helping organize the gay Lecture Series in San Antonio,

and we hope you will be able to run an announcement in **This Week in Texas.** The San Antonio Gay Lecture Series will begin Sunday, September 26, 7:30 p.m. at 1142 W. Woodlawn. The first program will concern the 1976 election. Local candidates for public office have been invited to attend. For more information on this and subsequent programs, one may call the Gay Switchboard, 733-7300. Thank you.
Editor: Here's your letter. And good luck on the Lecture Series!

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BOX 22104

Tea Dance started to benefit the lobbying efforts of the National Gay Task Force. I've heard very little about it since. What plans are being made to get a Tea Dance started in Texas?

Editor: TWIT and a group of Dallas businessmen are spearheading the effort to get a Tea Dance started in Dallas and Houston, and perhaps later in other Texas cities which have large gay populations. However, these will be tea dances with a difference. Instead of using all the funds on a national level, the organizers of the Texas Tea Dance will direct the funds generated by the TTD to the local Gay Political Caucus to be used on a local, state, or national level. The success of this project depends largely on the continuing cooperation of the owners of disco bars. So far, only Dallas' **Encore** has made a definite commitment. So at this point it looks like the Texas version of the National Tea Dance will kick off at the Encore on Sunday afternoons from 4 til 7 pm. Watch the pages of TWIT for further announcements.

Box 22104: As a Texas Democrat, I was wondering if there is a Gays for Carter group since Jimmy Carter has come out with several statements favorable towards gay rights?

Editor: Yes! There is a Gays for Carter group to help elect him president. Contact the group at 347 Fifth Avenue, Suite 510, New York 10001. Or call Robert Rygor at (212) 932-7312.

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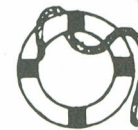
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Labor Day Weekend in Galveston was climaxed by a most delicious buffet of turkey, ham, roast beef, and trimmings at MARY’S TOO. The crowd was too busy eating to stop for the Cruise Camera but we did find Granny and Charlie out on the patio taking a Coors break.

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"GAY"—A LINGUISTIC HISTORY

Plato stated his position very clearly: "Great armies should be composed of homosexuals." In the great thinker's opinion, straight men were "too effeminate, not very dependable, not especially courageous, given to decadence, and required a cumbersome camp-following contingent that hampered effective maneuverability." He felt quite comfortable that anyone reading his discourse on armies would see the obvious truth of his relative estimation of gay and straight men.

Alexander the Great, using Plato's formula, had conquered the world by age 33.

Lord Nelson also felt that gay men were preferred stock for the British Admiralty. Since the most popular form of conscription in Nelson's day was carrying the drunk on board ship and sailing before they sobered up, frequenting water front gay bars was especially hazardous for our brothers living in that era.

Winston Churchill in an address before Parliament as First Lord of the

Admiralty said: "The three great traditions of the British Admiralty are: rum, sodomy, and the lash."

If the above statements seem a little strange to you, it is because modern societies have strange ideas about the nature of homosexual preference. Until shortly before the turn of this century the word "homosexual" conjured images of a masculine cult of usually military people. In other fields of endeavor, homosexual behavior was also popular.

Our gay sisters do not now have the popular image they had in classic times. Sappho's image has survived revisionist history. She was an outspoken and courageous woman, but there is no indication that she had any reservations about her womanhood. Through much of history the popular image of lesbians was that of women who exalted the characteristics of independent womanhood: sophisticated, urbane and literate, but not masculine, male hating or violent.

So where did we go wrong? Where did we get the nelly queer/butch dyke image we now have? The great shift in the popular image of homosexuals



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occurred in the 1890-1910 era, only about two generations ago. The most significant event of that era involving homosexuals was the Oscar Wilde trials. The fighting between Oscar Wilde and the Marquis of Queensbury were media events in the tabloid magazines then popular, something like the Watergate hearings were media events on modern television. The impact on the public mind was significant enough to change stereotypes drastically. In a short period of time, male homosexuals came to be thought of as being Oscar Wilde duplicates: sophisticated, rich, decadent, effeminate, fancy, witty and intellectual. Two generations later, as we came out, each of us tried (with varying degrees of success) to conform to that image.

I think it is interesting that the word "gay" came to be associated with the homosexual sub-culture at the same time. In London during the 1880's the term "Gay Society" was roughly equivalent to "Cafe Society" or our modern "Jet Set": the rich, socially active, beautiful people of that era. Thus the "Gay 90's" referred to the dominance of the upper class in the news of the day. Poor, unsophisticated Americans were not familiar with the British vernacular, but they read the tabloid magazines. When Oscar Wilde was described as a member of the Gay Society, Americans did not know exactly what that meant. But the stories said he was a homosexual so Americans assumed (by mistake) that "Gay Society" was synonymous with "homosexual cult." We started using the word "gay" in place of the word "homosexual," and exported the notion to the rest of the English speaking world during WW I and WW II.

The word "gay" and the nelly image of male homosexuality have grown together in this society, and by way of contrast, the butch image of

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our assumed opposties (male heterosexuals and female homosexuals) has grown at the same time.

American tourists are frequently surprised at how nelly the average European straight male is. Many gay Americans have had to learn that the macho symbols used on this side of the Atlantic to indicate straightness are not of much value over there.

It seems like that the regimented masculinity of American males is an acted out, culturally imposed variation of our puritanical/frontier society. Today's non-gay males are acting out the roles historically and traditionally reserved for our gay brothers living one hundred years ago. Of course, one hopes that our gay ancestors were less violently masculine than the macho straight types around today. It is embarrassing that masculinity has come to be associated

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Ideally we should live in a culture where there are no put-downs of those who fall anywhere along the butch/fem spectrum. It is simply cultural propaganda that makes one think that being homosexual requires one to act in a certain way, while being heterosexual requires something else. The differences between gay and non-gay women and men exist only in popular misconception and mythology and has been shown to change from one period of history to another. And this period, indeed, is one of the blackest.

Perhaps knowing the historical background of the word gay, and putting it into your personal perspective, will help you to be free to be your natural selves.

—Ray Hill

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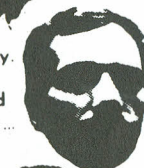
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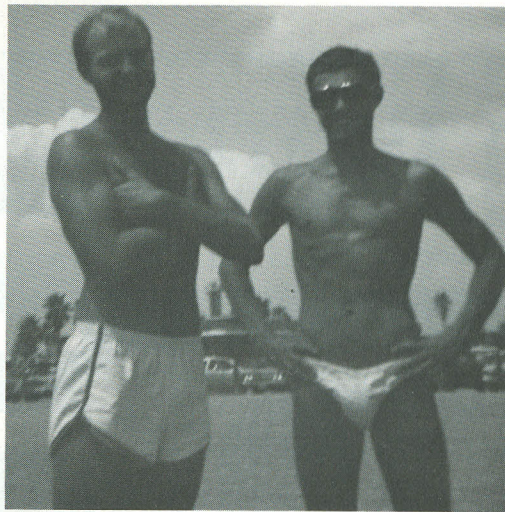
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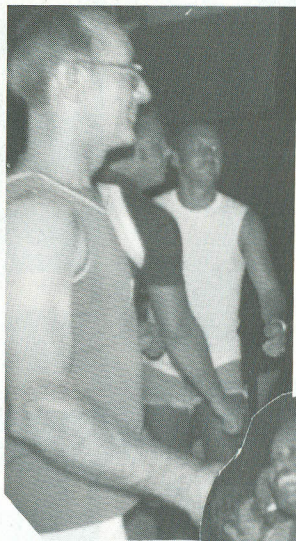
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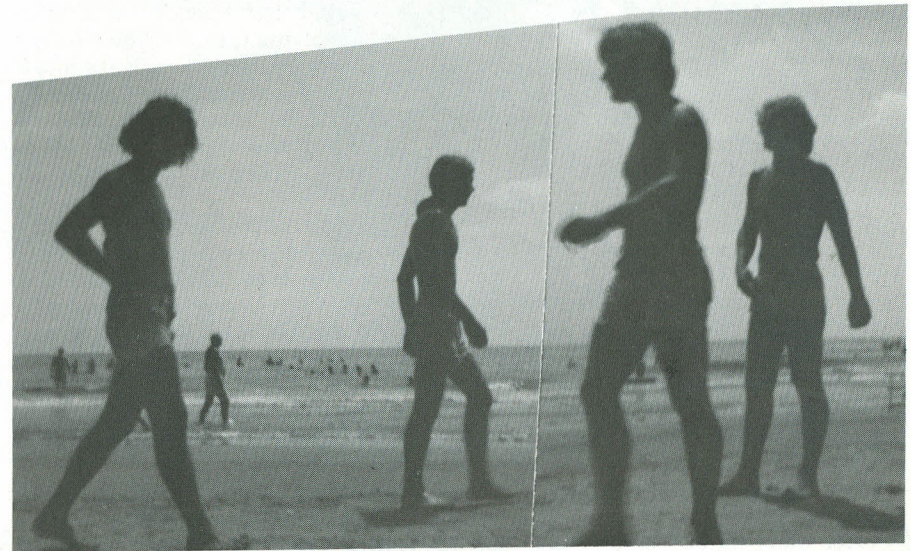


Traditionally, after a day at the beach, everyone goes to the KON TIKI in Galveston to cool off and dance their ass off. Labor Day Weekend was no exception as lads dancing in scant bathing trunks jammed the club.



Here, Kon Tiki manager Bob Ellison and his tank top bartenders pose for TWIT's Cruise Camera.

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REVIEWS

Sandra Scoppettone's first novel, **Trying Hard To Hear You**, is an unpretentious little book that successfully manages to probe the mind of an eccentric teenage girl through her first encounter with homosexuality. It's written in the first person singular of that character and never tries to exceed its own boundaries by making too heavy a comment on love or homophobic prejudice. She simply tells it like it is.

The main character of the book is a disgruntled, awkward young lady named Camilla Crawford who has some very definite opinions about life. But don't expect her to be hilariously weird like Pookie Adams or have the biting wit of Daisy Clover. You'll be disappointed. Camilla is . . . just Camilla.

Her story is set in a small New England seaside town and deals with the reactions of a close-knit group of high school kids who discover that two male members of their gang are "queer for each other." Scoppettone

touches lightly on this unsuccessful love affair but spends most of the book resolving Camilla's own feelings on the subject of homosexuality. It seems that her best friend, Jeff, is in love with her steady date, Phil, and the two of them are discovered one night kissing behind some bushes at a party.

This discovery naturally results in total repulsion and alienation from all the other kids in the group; and Camilla's feelings are predictably exploited for the reader's personal enlightenment on the subject. But somehow, and we're not exactly certain why, the story works. Not beautifully. Or poetically. But nonetheless, it works.

From a rather long, sketchy beginning, to a mildly entertaining climax, **Trying Hard To Hear You** is an admirable first attempt at a fond remembrance of a high school summer many of us had the painful occasion to experience.

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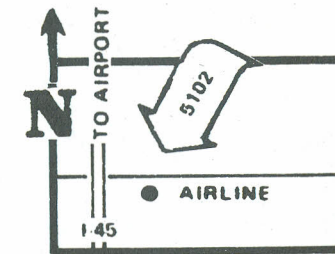


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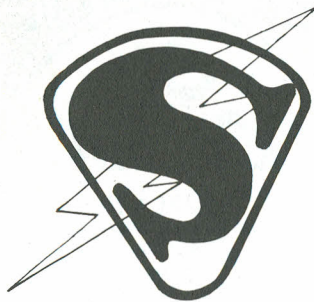
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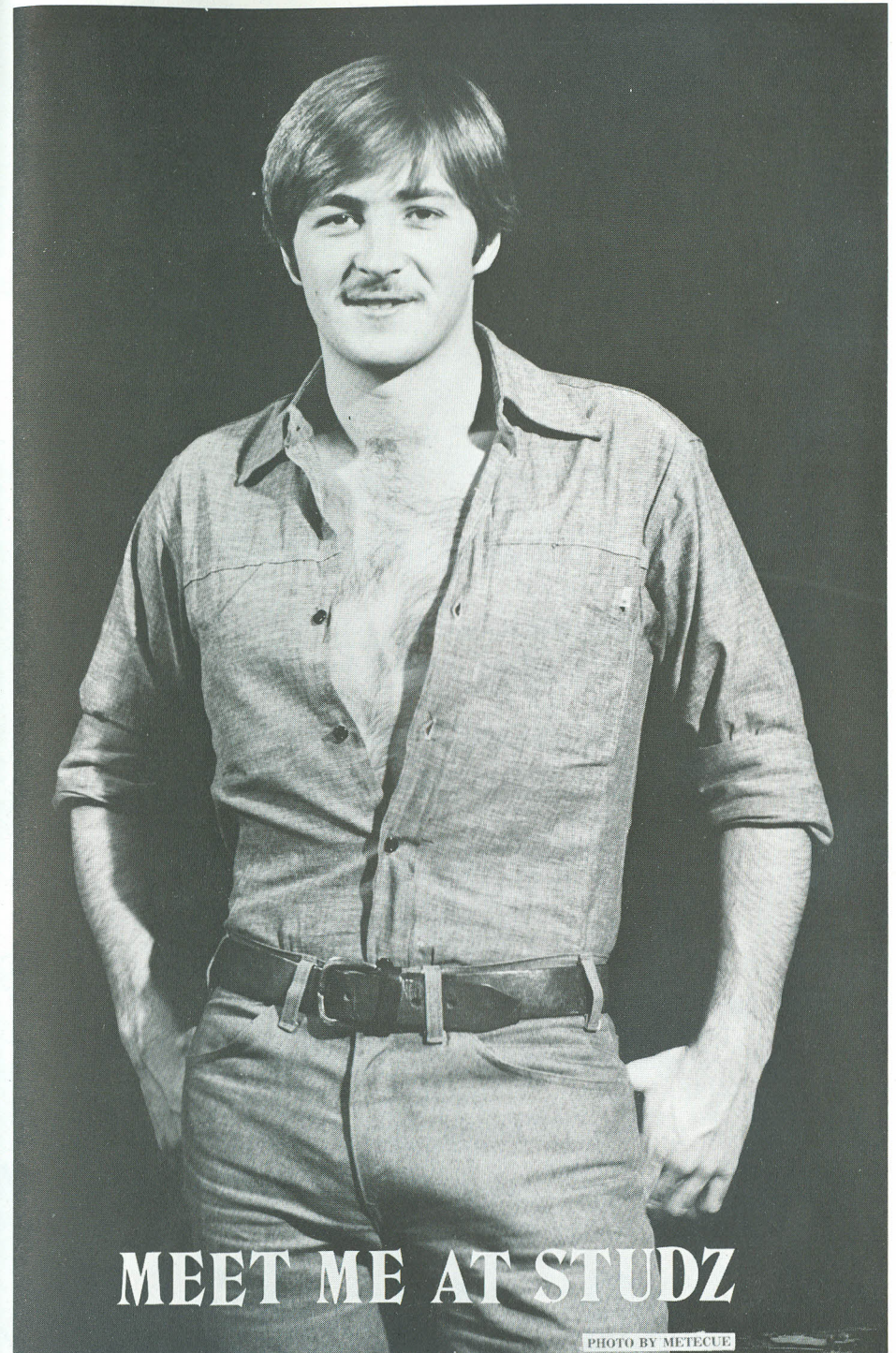
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